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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:WEAPONS FOR MOROCCO

REF: TEHRAN 1267

1. PLEASE INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY, IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY ABOUT OUR VIEWS ON IRAN'S TRANSFERRING THROUGH JORDAN WEAPONS WHICH GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO HAS REQUESTED, THAT WE ARE BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO KING HASSAN'S MILITARY NEEDS. WE HAVE A LONG-STANDING AND ON-GOING MILITARY SUPPLY PROGRAM FOR MOROCCO, HAVE ACCELERATED THE DELIVERY OF SOME ITEMS, AND ARE LOOKING AT WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT EXPEDITE OTHERS. OUR BASIC ATTITUDE IS POSITIVE TOWARD THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF IRAN AND JORDAN TO HELP KING HASSAN THROUGH THE TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT HE HAS REQUESTED. WE CAN INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN NOW THAT WE APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF 16 155MM HOWITZERS FROM IRAN AND 36 106MM GUNS FROM JORDAN. HOW-

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EVER, AS OUR SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS WILL INDICATE, GOI

SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE TRANSFER TRANS-
ACTIONS THROUGH JORDAN WOULD BECOME PUBLIC. WE ARE LOOKING
URGENTLY AT THE OTHER ITEMS ON THE MOROCCAN LIST AND
WILL BE SENDING INSTRUCTIONS SHORTLY TO AMBASSADOR HELMS
TO DISCUSS ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS AND THE MODALITIES FOR

ACCOMPLISHING TRANSFER IN DETAIL WITH HIS IMPERIAL
MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. WE ARE ALSO SENDING INSTRUCTIONS
TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN AMMAN TO CARRY ON PARALLEL
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT, AND WE ARE
COMMUNICATING WITH KING HASSAN TO KEEP HIM INFORMED
OF WHAT WE ARE DOING. KISSINGER

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